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Human responses to climate change will seriously impact biodiversity conservation: It's time we start planning for them

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Abstract:

The consequences for biodiversity of human-driven climate change cannot be ignored. The rate at which the earth is warming is accelerating, and it is likely to take centuries for the climate system to sync back to a natural climate cycle, regardless of the mitigation policies implemented. The quantity of greenhouse gases in our atmosphere is such that climate change can now no longer be considered a 'future threat'. Across the planet we are already witnessing, among other things, change in species' phenology, distributions and abundance, mass coral bleaching events, changes in fire frequency, and the loss of ecosystems due to rapid de-glaciation and sea-level rise.

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Resource Description

Communication: M

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

A focus of content

audience to whom the resource is directed

Policymaker

Exposure: M

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Ecosystem Changes, Extreme Weather Event

Extreme Weather Event: Drought, Flooding

Geographic Feature: M

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location:

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resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

Health Impact: M

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Health Outcome Unspecified

Mitigation/Adaptation: ☑

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

Resource Type:

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

Timescale: M

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified